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S E C R E T [REDACTED] CITE NPIC 3706.
IN RESPONSE TO A VERBAL REQUEST FROM DIAXX TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION
RELATIVE TO AIRCRAFT SHIPPING CRATES AT PHUC YEN A/F, NORTH
VIETNAM, DEPICTED ON NPIC "BB" N-3322, OF APRIL 1968, THE FOLLOWING
IS SUBMITTED:

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1. FROM RECENT AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHY NPIC CANNOT DETERMINE IF THE
NUMBER OF FRESCO SHIPPING CRATES LOCATED IN THE PHUC YEN AREA ARE AN
INTRODUCTION OF NEW CRATES, OR RELOCATION OF OLD CRATES. ANALYSIS
OF THE PROBABLE FRESCO CRATES IN THE PHUC YEN AREA OBSERVED ON

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REVEALED A POSSIBLE TOTAL OF 19 PROBABLE FRESCO CRATES; ON
[REDACTED] NINE (FIVE IN A SHIPPING CRATE GRAVEYARD AND FOUR ALONG
AN UNNUMBERED ROUTE) AND ON [REDACTED] TEN (FOUR IN A HANGAR
AREA, 2 ADJACENT TO THE TAXIWAY AND FOUR ALONG A ROUTE NEAR
THE OLD AIRFIELD AREA) WERE IDENTIFIED BUT NONE OF THESE AREAS
WERE COMPLETELY IMAGED ON BOTH DAYS. NO FRESCO AIRCRAFT HAVE

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BEEN OBSERVED BEING ASSEMBLED OR PARTIALLY ASSEMBLED IN THE
PHUC YEN AREA.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A RESUME OF THE CRATES NOTED IN THE PHUC
YEN AREA SINCE JANUARY 1968. [REDACTED] REVEALED
ONLY THREE POSSIBLE FRESCO CRATES AND ONE POSSIBLE COLT CRATE
LOCATED IN AN APPARENT AIRCRAFT SHIPPING CRATE GRAVEYARD,
NORTH OF THE AIRFIELD AT UTM WJ852492. NO OTHER AIRCRAFT CRATES
WERE NOTED. [REDACTED] FIVE PROBABLE
FRESCO CRATES, ONE UNIDENTIFIED CRATE AND ONE PROBABLE COLT CRATE
WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE GRAVEYARD AREA, AND FOUR PROBABLE FRESCO
CRATES WERE OBSERVED ALONG AN UNNUMBERED ROUTE 4.7 NM ESE OF THE
AIRFIELD (TWO AT UTM WJ925452 AND TWO AT WJ899450). IN
ADDITION, 14 POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT SHIPPING CRATE BASE SECTIONS

[REDACTED] WERE LOCATED IN THE GRAVEYARD AREA. [REDACTED]
FOUR PROBABLE FRESCO CRATES WERE ON AN UNNUMBERED
ROUTE 1.2 NM SOUTH OF THE AIRFIELD, NEAR THE OLD PHUC YEN AIRFIELD
AREA (AT UTM WJ855441, WJ831447, WJ824451, AND WJ817455) FOUR
PROBABLE FRESCO CRATES WERE ON THE HANGAR APRON AND 2 PROBABLE
FRESCO CRATES AND 1 UNIDENTIFIED CRATE WERE ADJACENT TO THE
TAXIWAY AT UTM WJ825471. [REDACTED] REVEALED

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THE CRATES IN THE HANGAR AREA HAD BEEN REMOVED, HOWEVER, THE
FOUR CRATES ALONG THE UNNUMBERED ROAD AND TWO OF THE FOUR NEAR
THE OLD AIRFIELD WERE PRESENT. THE STATUS OF THE OTHER TWO
CRATES NEAR THE OLD AIRFIELD, THE CRATES IN THE GRAVEYARD
AREA, AND THOSE ALONG THE TAXIWAY WAS NOT DISCERNIBLE.

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